Violence In Our School Milieu

*Prevention and Recovery Initiatives*

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Abstract

Aggressive violence in our schools systems are steadily increasing. Many times teachers, administrators, and counselors are ill prepared in effectively dealing with this issue. This document brings to light several origins of student violence and preventative measures that may assist in decreasing this concern.

**Introduction**

*This presenter will ask the following warm up questions:*

1. By a show of hands, how many of you have personal experience with the following issues during your school period:
2. Peer pressure
3. Teasing
4. Social isolation
5. Bullying
6. Insecurity/low self esteem
7. By a show of hands, how many people remember a student that you or others may have questioned, stayed away from, or avoided?
8. By a show of hands, how many of you went against the grain and engaged or stood up for a peer that others put down, made fun of, or avoided?

**Rational**

Violence in our educational structures has vastly increased in the past few years. Most of us do what we do because we love children and have a passion helping others. Part of our duty is to protect students during school hours and at school sponsored events, it is just becoming more difficult than ever before because of the changing state of our country. It is ever more critical for administrators, teachers, counselors, and parents to improve and increase causes of and preventative measures for making and keeping our schools safe. Violence prevention programs, classroom management, student awareness, staff education, and student education is a necessary intervention. Student education on causes of adolescent violence, possible warning signs, preventative techniques and communication strategies are also important.

**Presentation**

This presenter will begin the presentation with a YouTube video illustrating various examples of violent incidences which occurred in schools across the United States. Five top causes of school violence will be reviewed to include bullying from and by peers, peer pressure (which may be linked to dugs, sex, money, and name brand clothing), put downs from peers, family members, and other adults, personal frustration, and racial conflict.

This presenter will then discuss the top ten interventions which can be applied to acknowledge, prevent and reduce violent episodes. These interventions include teacher responsibility both in and outside classrooms, discouragement of prejudice or stereotypes in class, attention to student conversations, involvement in anti violence organizations, education on danger signs, student involvement in violence prevention and discussions, education on conflict resolution and anger management skills, encourage parental involvement, and support for school wide initiatives.

**Materials Used**

YouTube Video

Power Point format

**Conclusion**

*The presenter will ask the audience the following questions:*

1. In review, give me two causes for violent behaviors in the school setting.
2. In review, give me two interventions that you would employ based on today’s presentation
3. The presenter will ask for questions, comments of feedback regarding today’s presentation.

Children are not killers by nature; they model what they see and what they hear from: parents, siblings, relatives, TV, movies, video games, and music videos. *“MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BE THE DIFFERENCE, and ENCOURAGE CHANGE.*

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